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Pub serves up sports kit for school

LUCKY schoolchildren have been treated to a new sports kit thanks to a local pub.

Pupils from Bournemouth Park Primary School, in Southchurch, will now use the kits on their sports

days and other sporting activities.

Aimee Johns, manager of The White Horse, in Southchurch Road, explained she had chosen the school because one of her assistant managers was a governor at the school.

She said: "Some of the teachers come in here for lunch as well so we decided to treat the children to a new sports day kit."

"The children were really chuffed with their new kits."

KIT: Pupils from Bournemouth Park Primary School with John Salter and Aimee Johns from The White Horse Pub in Southchurch.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

AWARD NOMINATION FOR ADOPTION TEAM

SOUTHEND Adoption Team has been shortlisted for the title of Children's Services Team of the Year in the 2011 Social Worker of the Year Awards.

Ellie Hal-Fead has been named as a finalist in the Practice Teacher of the Year award for her continuing efforts in teaching and supporting student social workers on work placements in Southend

Southend Councillor for children and learning, Mark Flewitt, believed the nominations were a huge accomplishment for everyone involved in the Children's Services team.

He said: "We put great effort into ensuring that we provide the best service we possibly can, so it's brilliant news that we are being recognised for our continuing hard work and dedication.

"Special congratulations too, must go to Ellie

for so successfully helping to train future social workers on their work placement, by passing on practical skills, expertise and experience."

The finals ceremony takes place at the House of Lords on Friday, December 16, with more than 170 social workers attending, along with awards sponsors Sanctuary Personnel, Community Care, NSPCC, G4S and the British Association of Social Workers.

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Recycle more

SOUTHEND Council is advising people to recycle more in the run up to Christmas.

Councillor for waste, Tony Cox, said: "Christmas is a very busy time, but the recycling services make it so easy to recycle as much as possible over the festive period."

For details about recycling schemes in Southend, visit www.southend.gov.uk/recycling

Tree planting

YOUNGSTERS from Blenheim Primary School planted hundreds of small trees last Tuesday.

Pupils were helped by Southend Council's parks team to plant the trees known as whips in Blenheim Park.

Children in the borough have planted more than 1,000 trees, with species including field maple, hazel, hawthorn, blackthorn and bird cherry.

Charity auction

A GRAND auction will be held tomorrow (Thursday) in aid of raising money for a Muscular Dystrophy charity.

At present there are around 60 lots for people to bid on at the auction, held at Eastwood Memorial Hall, Lambeth Road, Eastwood.

Doors will open for viewing at 6pm and the auction will start at 7pm. Entry costs £1 with proceeds going to the charity.

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Theatre to mark 100th birthday with events

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND'S Palace Theatre will be celebrating its 100th birthday next year with a series of events.

Next year will see people invited to explore the history of the building and shows that have taken place there.

Emily Malcolm, community and education manager, wanted to see people supporting the centenary events that have been made possible through a £50,000 Heritage Lottery Grant.

She said: "I think it is fantastic the building is still here. So many buildings of this age have been knocked down."

"It is in its original form and we have been talking recently about redecorating for the centenary year."

Activities will include a variety gala in January, with acts put on by local theatre groups.

A special online archive will also be created to show people a collection of posters and programmes from the past.

Families will also be invited to activity days with the first being in February.

A cinema will also be in situation in the theatre.

Emily said: "The idea of the project is that there is something for everybody."

"Whether people just want to sit in the audience and watch a play or actually be in a play it is up to them."

"They can also come and watch the cinema or take part in some of the family activities."

"There's something for everyone as a way to celebrate."

A birthday party will be held in October which will allow the public to get backstage access in the theatre.

"The theatre has been threatened for closure before and people have supported it," Emily added.

"If people want the theatre here for another 100 years then they must continue that support."

To find out more about the events visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk/centenary

CENTENARY: Emily Malcolm with some of the scrapbooks holding the theatre's history.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



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Crews tackle basement blaze

FIRE crews had to tackle a blaze in a basement of a terraced property in Southchurch Avenue, Southend, on Monday, November 28.

At 1.29pm firefighters used thermal imaging equipment to check there was nobody inside.

The fire affected the floor structure on the ground floor level.

The incident was dealt with by 2.26pm and is thought to have been deliberately started.

Epilepsy support group meeting

THE SOUTH East Essex Epilepsy Support Group will be holding a public meeting on Monday.

It will be held at the Naval and Military Club, Royal terrace, Southend, from 7.30pm.

The event is free and will provide an opportunity for local sufferers, family and friends to chat and share their experiences.

Further information can be obtained from Peter Hall, chairman of the South East Essex Epilepsy Support Group at peter.j.hall@tiscali.co.uk

Quartet charged for airport invasion

FOUR people have been charged with entering a restricted zone without permission after they, and 11 other people, were arrested on Saturday, October 29, at Southend Airport, in Rochford.

Those charged, under the Aviation Security Act, are a 20-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman from Norwich, a 55-year-old man who gave an address of West Drayton, and a 38-year-old man from London SE24.

They are due to appear at Southend Magistrates Court next Wednesday (December 14).

The Crown Prosecution Service decided to take no further action with 11 other people.

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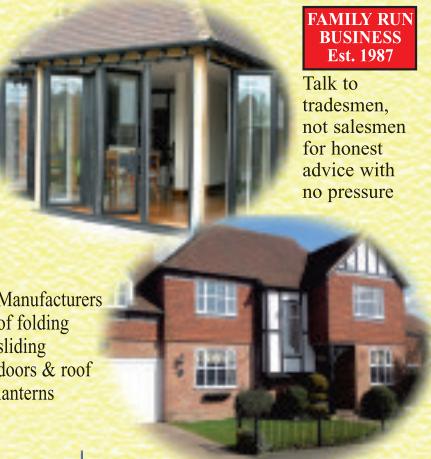


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Pop star's parents hand hospice £10,000

By Charles Thomson

AMY WINEHOUSE'S parents visited Little Havens Children's Hospice last week to hand over £10,000.

Mitch Winehouse and ex-wife Janis visited the hospice on Wednesday, November 30, to present one of the Amy Winehouse Foundation's first ever donations.

The pair helped to decorate the Christmas tree in the hospice's family lounge.

Mitch Winehouse learned of Little Havens' work in July when he performed at a charity golf day just a few days before his daughter's death.

In October he returned to the hospice with his wife Jane and Amy's final boyfriend, Reg Traviss.

During the October visit he met children and their families and spent time chatting to staff. It was after the October visit that Mitch decided Little Haven's should become a beneficiary of the foundation, which was set up after

his daughter's death.

He said: "When we visited Little Havens we were so moved and we were lucky enough to spend some time with some of the children and families staying there.

"We were completely blown away by their strength and humility. The support the staff offer them is just incredible too. It made me realise that children's hospices aren't just about death and dying. They're about living.

"It's a wonderful place and we are thrilled with the work Little Havens is doing for children across Essex."

Jane Morgan from Basildon met Mitch and Janis last Wednesday.

Her son Callum Miller, six, was born with a faint heartbeat and could not breathe. He was left brain damaged and now suffers from Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy.

The whole family, including brother Connor, eight, visits Little Havens for respite breaks. She said: "It's an amazing donation and from my heart I can say it will make a huge difference. Little



Havens allows us to be a family again. It gives us all the break we need. Without Little Havens families like mine would be on our knees. We wouldn't have a family life at all."

SUPPORT: (L-R) Mitch Winehouse, Callum Miller, Jane Morgan, Janis Winehouse, Connor Miller.

Picture by Little Havens Children's Hospice

Driving test centre to be brought back to Southend?

THE DRIVING test centre in Southend could be reinstated under new trials from the Government to introduce six more centres nationwide.

As part of a campaign to regain the centre a letter was sent to the Road Safety Minister, Mike Penning, by Rochford and Southend east MP, James Duddridge.

In a response from the Driving Standards Agency, Mr Duddridge

has been told the minister will be adding Southend to the list of possible areas for centres.

Mr Penning explained he wanted to be more flexible and innovative in delivering driving tests to make sure people are getting the best service.

He said: "We are currently running trials in six areas across the country to explore how we can provide a more local service for driving test candidates.

"As well as using conventional driving test centres, we are delivering tests from other sites such as hotels, leisure centres or local authority buildings.

"I look forward to visiting Southend and discussing these proposals with the local community and the two Southend Members of Parliament."

Mr Duddridge was disgusted when the driving centre was closed down

and he campaigned to keep it open.

Speaking about his new campaign he said: "I am very hopeful that this campaign will have a positive outcome.

"I am delighted that my request is being considered and I am continuing to actively campaign for the return of a Driving Test Centre in Southend."

A date has yet to be confirmed for the visit.

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Rise in copper thefts

THE C2C rail company, which serves Essex, has gathered figures on how copper theft has grown at an 'alarming' rate.

Thieves steal cables from overheard power equipment and signalling equipment.

In 2010, 37 trains were cancelled as a result of copper theft, causing 662 minutes of delays. In 2011 the number of cancellations has so far increased to 112, while delays have risen to 3,120 minutes.

Festive songs

CHILDREN from a local primary school will perform at Rayleigh Library this month.

A choir from Groveswood Primary will sing festive songs on Thursday, December 15, between 2pm and 3pm.

For more information call 01268 775830.

Christmas concert

SWEYNS Choral Society will perform a Christmas concert on Saturday, December 10, at Rayleigh Methodist Church.

The event, in Eastwood, Rayleigh, begins at 7.30pm and mince pies will be available in the interval.

Tickets cost £8 or £7 for concessions. To reserve tickets, call 01268 785273 or visit www.sweyenschoralsociety.org.uk

Go on toy trail

CHILDREN can explore Santa's toy workshop on Sunday, December 18.

Santa will be bringing his home to Hadleigh Country park as part of the Santa's Celebrations Toy Trail.

Visitors will have to guide themselves through the woods, where there will be characters and challenges before they reach Santa's grotto.

The event will include walks at 11am, 11.30am, 1.45pm and 2.15pm.

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PLACARDS: Members of HM Revenue and Customs on their picket line.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Strike action

By Paul Giles

HUNDREDS of people took to the picket lines because of action over public sector pensions.

The Government are proposing for public sector workers to work longer and pay more into their pensions because it believes the cur-

rent form is not affordable or sustainable.

The strike action last Wednesday saw people march from the Civic Hall, in Victoria Avenue, into town to outside the Odeon Cinema.

Action also saw Southend Library close down for the day due to a lack of staff.

A spokesman for the council confirmed of the 2,141 work force, only 170 members of staff went on strike.

The majority of schools in the borough were also closed with 37 of the 55 schools taking action.

Members of HM Revenue and Customs also went on strike.

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Pain is something we all experience at some point, be that stubbing your toe or living with a painful condition every day. One thing is for sure, none of us (apart from masochists) like pain!

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What you have to remember is that pain is the body's way of telling you that something is wrong. A warning signal. It's not necessarily something you have to live with. People tend to live with back pain or neck pain for example, but most of us wouldn't live with toothache for very long before going to the dentist would we?

If you ask yourself "what is causing my pain?" then you can start to ask "can the cause of my pain be helped?". Painkillers can be used to help the symptoms, but they will only ever control the symptoms, not the cause of your pain.

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Council scoops green award

SOUTHEND Council has been awarded an International Green Apple Environmental award in recognition of its project, 'Looking for Carbon'.

The Green Apple Awards are presented annually to companies, councils and communities carrying out projects that enhance the environment and is awarded by The Green Organisation.

International organiser Roger Wolens, said to show continued interest in environmental issues dur-

ing the current financial climate shows great foresight.

He said: "Southend deserves the recognition of being Green Apple Award winners.

"To then go further and become International Green Heroes is an even bolder statement of environmental intent, and demonstrates a serious commitment to the world around them.

"They invest in a better future for us all and deserve to be recognised for their efforts."

Southend's award-winning project will be featured in the next Green Book, the world's only work of reference on environmental best practice, to help others follow the Council's example.

Southend Councillor for waste, Tony Cox, believed the award was well deserved.

He said: "Staff at all levels throughout the Council have contributed to this achievement, through the Green Staff Forum and through the Carbon Reduction Group and the

Climate Change Group. "These feed directly to senior management and councillors - which helps keep climate change, sustainability and carbon reduction issues high on the Council agenda."

AWARD: Steven Crowther, group manager of waste and environmental care with Calr Robinson, group manager of reclamation services from Southend Council, with the Green Apple Award.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Sawdust fire

A SILO filled with sawdust caught alight on Sunday.

Initially firefighters were called to the area after reports of smoke being seen in the Progress Road area of Leigh at 4pm.

Crews were hampered in extinguishing the fire as access to the site was restricted. The blaze was dealt with by 7.20pm.

Thank you for saving man's life

POLICE want to thank a nurse who saved a man's life.

At 5.05pm on Saturday, a man in his late 60s collapsed outside St Mary's Church in Victoria Avenue, Southend, on his way home after watching Southend United play Oldham Athletic in the FA Cup at Roots Hall stadium.

Two police officers, who were already in Victoria Avenue to police the football, rushed to his aid and found that he had stopped breathing. They started to administer CPR, before being joined by a nurse who took over for several minutes until paramedics arrived.

TV presenter gets festive

TV PRESENTER Lorne Spicer got into the festive spirit last Thursday when she switched on Christmas tree lights at Southend Hospital to kick off December feelgood celebrations at the hospital.

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Victorian building a step closer to being protected

THE POSSIBILITY of a Victorian building in Shoeburyness being listed by English Heritage may have taken a step closer.

Michael Assenheim has been campaigning to get the Hinguar School building protected so a piece of heritage in Southend could be saved.

The school is still in use, but at the end of the next school year children will be moving to a new site, leaving the building derelict.

Mr Assenheim, from Shoeburyness, who independently

sent the letter to the Heritage Protection Department of the national organisation has now received a reply.

The body has asked him to supply more information on the site to help them consider its status.

Mr Assenheim said he was hoping the building would be preserved.

He said: "It is absolutely important we preserve heritage in Southend."

"Over the years, since the sixties, these concrete monstrosities have been cropping up.

"So many beautiful buildings have been knocked down, now it is all office blocks."

If the building becomes graded it will be subject to stronger planning permission if development at the site is proposed.

Rebecca Carter, designation co-ordinator for the east, from English Heritage, confirmed the letter had been received but could not comment on individual cases.

HERITAGE: Michael Assenheim outside the Hinguar School he wants graded.

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Firestation talk

HADLEIGH Fire Station will host an illustrated local history talk on Wednesday, December 14 at 2pm.

The fire station was Benfleet Urban District Council's first ever civic building and has just reached its eighth birthday.

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For more information and to buy tickets costing £3, call 01702 552668.

Winter appeal

THE ESSEX Surviving Winter Appeal has more than quadrupled the entirety of its takings last year in the first four months of this year's campaign.

The appeal raised £3,000 last winter to support elderly people living in fuel poverty. This year it has raised £13,079 in its first four weeks.

Award for volunteer

THE ROCHFORD Rotary Club has handed a local man a community award.

Roy Tugwell was given the family and community service award.

Mr Tugwell frequently volunteers up to 40 hours a week to provide support to the South East Essex branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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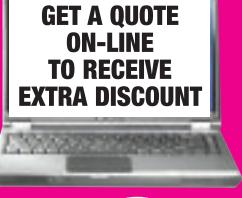
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Bishop of Chelmsford visits homeless project

THE Right Reverend Bishop Stephen Cottrell came to Southend last week to visit the services and facilities provided by Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP).

This special occasion is believed to be the first time that a Bishop of Chelmsford visited the homeless charity.

Bishop Cottrell explained homelessness can happen to anyone at anytime of their lives.

He said: "Nobody is exempt from this daunting possibility

due to individual circumstances. "So, without Homeless Charities such as HARP to help and support those who find themselves in desperate and frightening situations, then our communities would be very much worse off."

HARP care for people between the age of 16 and 60 who are homeless.

They also support individuals who have suffered family breakdown, domestic abuse, financial problems or violence.

The Bishop added: "As Christmas approaches and as the nights turn cold I would like you to think for a moment about those who do not have a home, or job, or support of a family and who may well be sleeping rough on the streets."

VISIT: (L-R) The Right Reverend Bishop of Chelmsford Stephen Cottrell - Gill Garwood (HARP chief executive) and Gary Turner (HARP's Service Operations Manager).

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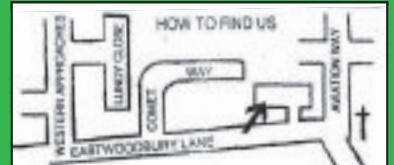


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E-fit released after woman attacked

POLICE have released an e-fit of a burglar who punched a 56-year-old woman in the face.

The thief attacked the woman after she disturbed him inside an unoccupied house in Leigh. Residents of Moor Park Gardens had been keeping an eye on the property.

At 6.40pm on Saturday, November 12, the woman heard a noise coming from the house and went to investigate.

After finding the lounge window forced open, she saw the intruder open the internal front door and enter the porch. However, he was unable to escape because the porch was locked, so he ran back into the property.

As the woman dialled 999 the intruder climbed out of the open window and ran towards her. He punched her in the face and she fell back onto a wall. She lost a tooth in the assault and suffered cuts and swelling to the face.

The man ran to a new black Ford Focus and sped away without lights, towards The Fairway.

He was described as an olive skinned male, about 5ft 8ins, aged between 30 and 40. He had black hair and was wearing a 'tea cosy' hat. He had a goatee beard, and wore a dark jacket or jumper and a checked shirt.

PC Simon Laurie said: "It is rare for burglars to be confronted by members of the public inside addresses. It is even rarer



SUSPECT: Do you know this man?

for them to deliberately assault people.

"I appeal to everyone to look at the e-fit of the suspect, which is described as a good likeness, although the bottom part of the beard should be less bushy.

"Residents will be aware of the increased number of bur-

glaries in the area and I am keen for members of the public to call us if they witness suspicious behaviour."

PC Laurie can be contacted by dialling 101. Alternatively, anyone with information can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Pervert jailed

A HOCKLEY man found to be in possession of some of the most disturbing images of children being sexually abused police had ever seen was jailed this week for just 28 months.

Lee Parsons, 41, of Sudbury Close, was sentenced for possessing and distributing the images.

The Essex Police Online Investigation Team became aware of his behaviour after they received a report from the Child

Exploitation Online Protection centre.

He had been sharing the images over file sharing networks.

After a detailed investigation, Parsons was found to be in possession of large volumes of images portraying different levels of sexual abuse.

The images were described by police as 'not only large in quantity, but some of the most disturbing images seen by officers'.



CONVICTED: Lee Parsons

Free network event with a festive twist

A FREE networking event with a seasonal twist is going to be held in Westcliff.

The Eco Hub, in St John's Road, will be opening its doors for the fourth time to help local businesses create relationships with each other.

Previous evenings have seen seminars delivered by two script writers, an accountancy firm and a PR company.

This time there will be guest speakers from Cory Environmental, who will be helping people to reduce the amount of waste they put in their bins.

There will also be a swishing session that will see people bringing items they no longer need and swap with other attendees.

Paul Scott, environmental sustainability business manager at the hub said any businesses were welcome to come along.

He said: "The point of the networking event is to show people that money is not the only currency.

"It helps people realise they can swap their skills with others and both benefit from it.

"We have held three events already and they are proving to be very successful for the people that have come along."

The event will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 5pm, at The Eco Hub, St Johns Road, Westcliff.

Police stations close front desks for good

ROCHFORD and South Benfleet police stations have permanently shut their front desks to save money.

Doors closed for good on Monday, November 28.

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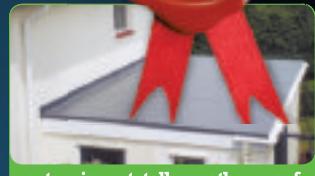
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Police investigate A12 rock throwing

DETECTIVES are investigating whether the person who threw rocks from bridges over the A12 is linked to 30 other incidents in the last three years.

The occupants of two cars were targeted on Thursday.

Road policing officers were forced to close sections of the A12 in mid-Essex on Sunday evening following more reports of suspicious activity near Margaretting.

Among the victims were a 57-year-old woman and her 56-year-old husband, who were passing under the West Hanningfield Road Bridge, near Gallywood.

The man received minor cuts and bruises – but his wife was taken to Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, with head and chest injuries, where she is currently in a stable condition.

Investigating officer, Detective Chief Inspector Keith Davies of Essex Police, said the force was treating the attacks as attempted murder, and that police were looking for a possible link to other attacks.

Mr Davies said: "We aren't ruling things in or out at this stage, but we are looking for someone who would



HIT: Lisa Horne and mother Stella were travelling in the former's Vauxhall Astra when it was struck by concrete.

Picture by Martin Dalton

have had a piece of granite stolen – we think it may have come from a rockery.

"We are working on a number of leads, and we have to thank the members of the public who have come forward to help us."

Lisa Horne, 26, from Writtle, was driving her Vauxhall Astra with her mother, Stella, 48, just before 9.30pm on Thursday, December 1, after the two had gone Christmas shopping at Lakeside. They were also attacked.

Woman's shock over attack

A MOTHER has spoken of her shock after someone threw a lump of granite through her windscreen from a bridge over the A12.

Lisa Horne, 26, from Writtle, was driving her Vauxhall Astra with her mother, Stella, 48, just before 9.30pm on Thursday, December 1, after the two had gone Christmas shopping at Lakeside.

As they passed under the Fryerning Lane Bridge, near Ingatstone, the rock hit the vehicle.

She said: "It was like someone put my hands over my eyes, there was a very loud bang, and something smashed the windscreen."

Lisa managed to pull onto the hard shoulder and called a recovery service – but it was only when they and the police came she found out the

truth. She said: "When I found out, I was shocked. I just couldn't believe someone would do something like that. They can't be normal."

"I've got a seven-year-old disabled daughter, Leale, and an 11-month-old son, Stan, and they could easily have been left without a mum. We were lucky, though – it was like someone was looking down on us."

The police told the Hornes that, had they been driving quicker than the 55mph she was doing, things could have been worse.

She said: "If I'd been going faster, it could have come straight through the windscreen."

"As it is, I don't feel comfortable about driving on the A12, or driving at night. I hope whoever did this gets caught."

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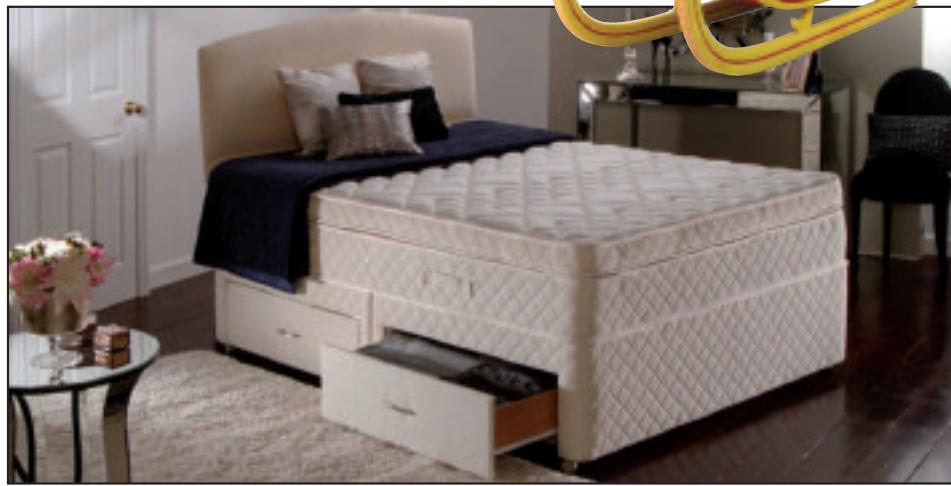
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Charity calls for investigation into conduct of medical staff



By Pat Jones

A LEARNING disabilities charity is calling for an investigation into the death of a teenager who died in Basildon Hospital in 2003.

Mencap is urging the General Medical Council (GMC) to look into the conduct of the doctors in the case of disabled 17-year-old Kirsty Pearce.

An inquest into her death, held in Chelmsford last week, concluded the delay in her getting the sort of treatment required for her from the outset of her presentation contributed to her death.

Mencap is concerned no health professional has been held accountable for Kirsty's death.

David Congdon, Mencap's head of campaigns and policy, said: "The standard of care Kirsty received the night she died was appalling.

"Medical staff responsible for caring for her during her final illness failed to recognise the severity of her condition, which should have seen her placed immediately in an intensive care unit.

"Tragically this meant that Kirsty didn't receive the treatment she needed, which ultimately led to her death."

"Mencap believes it is unacceptable that no one has been held accountable for Kirsty's death, despite clear evidence from an inquest and a Parliamentary and

Health Services Ombudsman that there were significant failings in the care she received."

In a statement, the family said they believed the hospital had failed Kirsty and 'allowed her to die in pain and without dignity'.

"There is no doubt that those responsible for Kirsty during the

night she died broke their duty of care towards her," the statement read.

"It has been very hard to get hospital staff to accept that they have made mistakes."

"It breaks our hearts to remember how frightened she was during her final hospital stay."

Basildon Hospital said improvements had been made.

A spokesman for the GMC said the finding of the coroner were being carefully considered.

TRAGIC: Teenager Kirsty Pearce who died in Basildon Hospital in 2003.

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Opinion and readers' letters

I remember when supporters stood together

WHILE I doubt whether Mr. Douglas could give a widely acceptable definition of either 'working class' or 'middle class', the attributes he applies to them are insulting to both. My football and cricket-watching days go back to the mid 1940s.

I remember in the early 50s standing on a packed 'Shelf' stand at Spurs during a match against Manchester United.

The ground was packed beyond its normal capacity and supporters from both sides stood together. There was no hint of violence or aggression either on or off the field. At that time you could perhaps more easily define 'working class' and I doubt whether any of them could have afforded today's prices.

The fact is that standards of behaviour have declined both on and off the pitch. The inane triumphal gestures of modern overpaid, diva footballers every time they succeed in doing what they are paid for, do not help. The kind of justification of verbal and physical abuse suggested by people like Mr. Douglas adds to the problem.

Tribal support of sports teams has always existed but 'tribal' is not necessarily synonymous with 'violence'.

*Harvey Monte,
Southend*

John makes no sense whatsoever

I HAVE just read the letter from John Haran 'You are shooting yourself in the foot' and both myself and my wife would like to know what it is all about, as it makes no sense whatsoever.

It contains so many clichés and 'trying to be clever' writing that it is unintelligible. For example, his paragraph four goes like this: 'Just an opinion mind, which, I imagine, is one thing of one's own one needs to form one in the first place'.

Whatever does that mean. I rest my case.

*Alan Runagall,
Rayleigh*

It's like a stuck record

JOHN Haran, the monkey's uncle with a borderline GCSE pass in debating strikes again, with exactly the same drivel as before (the gramophone record obviously stuck in the same groove), as for me my

five minutes of fame are up ... but at least I know when to stop, not like the stuck record that goes on and on.

*Karl Carpenter,
via e-mail*

All quiet on the Western Front in Leigh

THE FIGHT has dragged on for two years now... there's been plenty of skirmishing and a few major battles... but for the moment it's all quiet on the Western Front bar some sneaky sniping.

The Western Front of Leigh that is... where the proposed Fair Havens adult hospice on an end bit of Green Belt by Leigh station has stirred up passions both for (by far the greater majority) and against (not so many beyond the confines of this western edge of Southend) throughout the borough and beyond in these letter pages. For one residents' frontage is another's backyard here y'know.

But the war of words is drawing to a close as Southend Council's Development Control Committee steels itself to come to a decision on the matter by December 14 and bring about a much-needed armistice.

Mind you, it's gone a bit too quiet I reckon... eerily so... like something very big is about to kick off since Lib Dem councillor Peter Wexham gleefully rolled out his big gun - with which he hopes to utterly undermine the proposal in the end and blow the hell out of overall public opinion.

This via an ancient unused footpath across a corner of the land in question. But is he leading his supporters up the garden one here?

Because if you look at the old maps it seems that, yes, the Salvation Army Farm may well have diverted a right of way from the end of Castle Drive - by no more than a few metres north - for the past half-century it has farmed this end wedge of land, but who could argue with that when they stand on the spot?

Moreover, it also appears that another old right of way here has been cut off completely into this bargain.

Not by the Salvation Army Farm manager with whom Peter Wexham takes so much issue, but by the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway since it was extended from Grays to Leigh-on-Sea way back in 1855, a century and-a-half ago.

So let's have some common sense here.

If this daftness is allowed to sway the Development Control Committee - of which Peter Wexham is incredibly still a substitute member against all the rules - I'll eat my hat, or... er... I would if I owned one of the darn things.

So it'll have to be our jauntily-topped Councillor Wexham's own well-known trademark natty titter then if inexplicably - considering the support such an enlightened planning application has attracted - this proposal gets knocked back.

Anyone for bully beef?

*John Haran,
Leigh-on-Sea*

Thank you for poppy support

THERE was a wonderful response to last month's Poppy Appeal, with over £18,000 raised in Leigh and Eastwood.

The Leigh Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all who gave so generously, and all who helped in any way with the Appeal. Special thanks to Leigh Rotary Club, and Leigh Army Cadet Force for their invaluable assistance once again.

The Branch would like to pay tribute to retiring President Mr. Eric Brown, for his 40 years service to the Leigh Branch. He has served as Vice-Chairman, Chairman and latterly as President, as well as helping organise the Poppy Appeal over the past 40 years.

At the recent Remembrance

Parade he was presented with an engraved tankard, by Patron David Amess, in recognition and thanks for all he has done for Leigh R.B.L.

During the Second World War Eric served in the RAF, being one of the pioneers of Radar, Britain's secret weapon.

*Eileen Hughes,
via e-mail*

Thanks again

A VERY big thank you to the people of Leigh on Sea for raising over £18,500 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and grateful thanks to the Poppy Appeal team of volunteer collectors and distributors who gave of their time and helped make this happen.

*Jean Bailey,
Poppy Appeal Organiser,
Leigh On Sea*

How can families enjoy violent football?

IN RESPONSE to John Eoin Douglas' letter in the Yellow Advertiser 'Aggression and violence is a part of football' I have only total disagreement.

I am involved in the game at all levels and how can any "normal" person think that any kind of violence is acceptable.

His views are dated and primitive, the world has changed since the game started (in china) and what is essentially a game should be enjoyed as exactly that. How can families with young children go and enjoy the sport if people think it's ok to throw abuse and exert physical violence on each other?

Most "real fans" as John puts it, would agree with me that it's people like John who give football fans a bad name.

*Gavin Hoebeek,
Romford*

Dartford crossing u-turn is welcome news

I AM pleased to see that proposals to increase the standard Dartford Toll to £2.50 by next year have been scrapped following public opposition.

This is really great news and I would like to thank all those who backed our campaign which was supported by a 2,500 strong petition to the Prime Minister, a Facebook

group containing some 3,300 members and a motion initiated by the Residents' Association which gained all party support on Havering Council. It just goes to show that people power really can make a difference.

Some 150,000 vehicles use the crossing every day, generating around £70 million per year in toll fees - along with a great deal of congestion, pollution and wasted cost to businesses. After operational costs are deducted the crossing produces a surplus of £45 million per year for the Government. While the long term aim to abolish the toll is the preferred option, the introduction of automatic number plate recognition is preferable to a physical barrier. However, the £45million net surplus generated each year is more than enough to fund this and there is absolutely no need to increase the toll for that purpose.

Finally, it is interesting to see in the Autumn Statement that the Government is to provide funding of £150 million towards the Humber Bridge debt which will actually reduce the toll from £3 to £1.50.

*Councillor Clarence Barrett
Residents' Association
Upminster*

Thanks for supporting Cats Protection

VOLUNTEERS from Rayleigh, Castle Point and District Branch of Cats Protection would like to thank everyone who supported us at our stands at the Rayleigh and Canvey Christmas lights events in November. The public very kindly donated £13.28 at the Rayleigh Christmas Lights on November 24 and £40.32 at the Canvey Festival Fun Day on November 26.

This money will be spent helping local cats and kittens in this area.

For a variety of reasons, the most significant of which is the current economic climate, the Branch is currently full of cats and kittens urgently in need of homes.

Many of the cats in the Branch's care will be at the Cat Homing Show which takes place on Saturday December 10, from 10.30am to 1pm, at the Rayleigh Methodist Church Hall, Eastwood Road, Rayleigh, SS6 7ED.

Details of all the cats and kittens currently looking for homes can be found on our website - www.catsrayleigh.org.uk or by calling Yvonne on 01268 750831.

*Nicola Pegg
Rayleigh, Castle Point and
District Branch
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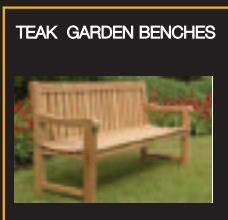


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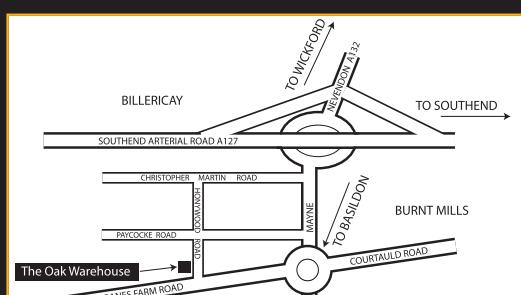
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What is more, for every soft toy, children's book or children's meal bought between now and Friday, December 23, IKEA will also donate £1 to Unicef and Save the Children.

Veronica Buttigieg, Basildon University Hospital School Teacher said: "We're delighted that IKEA are running this scheme and we look forward to Santa visiting our poorly children in December."

GIFTS: Lakeside store Ikea is looking for toys for sick children.



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the verdict

AT the Doctor Who Experience there was an extremely large list of things to do! Well, when we arrived at the Doctor Who Experience the first thing we had to do was wait in the waiting area which had some props from Doctor Who itself. After waiting around five minutes we went into the interactive area and we had to help the Doctor get out of the big black box he was trapped in. We even met some moving and talking Daleks on our adventure. After that we went into the exhibition where we saw every single monster from all the episodes. My favourite part was going inside a Dalek where I could move his arms and stuff. Another of my favourites was looking at all the different types of sonic screwdrivers dated back to the 1961. I loved going to the Doctor Who Experience and would like to go back!



Joshua Chambers, 9

fact file

■ DIRECTIONS: The Doctor Who Experience is located at Kensington, Olympia Two. The entrance is on Hammersmith Road. It can be reached from Kensington Olympia tube station, on the District line, by turning left out of the exit onto Olympia Way and right onto Hammersmith Road. Alternatively it is a 10 minute walk from Hammersmith tube station, which is on the Piccadilly, District and Hammersmith and City lines.

■ OPENING TIMES: The Doctor Who Experience is open six days a week from 10.30am to 5.30pm. The last entry at 3.30pm (closed Wednesdays). Bookings are now being taken up to February 22, 2012.

■ ENTRANCE: On the door entrance is £20 for adults, £15.50 for children, and £62 for a family of four. Open tickets - allowing you to attend the experience at your leisure, as well as advanced bookings for peak times are £18 for adults, £14 for children and £52 for a family of four. Advanced booking for off peak times is £15.50 for adults, £12.50 for children and £46 for a family of four. You can buy your tickets on the day of your visit from the Box Office but it is recommended to buy them in advance as a limited amount is available each day.

■ FURTHER INFORMATION: Book tickets online or by calling 0844 412 4650. To find out more visit www.doctorwhoexperience.com

LIZ WADE and son Joshua take on the Daleks at the Doctor Who Experience in London

MY FIRST experience of Doctor Who was from behind a pillow in a bid to hide from the Daleks, but give me a break as I was only aged around five!

Years later came a better, more elaborate relaunch of the popular show which, with the help of David Tennant, captured a whole new audience. Since then the boys and I have watched each series unfold and now follow the new Doctor, Matt Smith, on his journeys.

Discovering the Doctor Who Experience in London I thought it would be a great afternoon out with Josh as well as another big kid in the family - the other half.

The attraction, at Olympia Two, is made up of a walk-through interactive experience as well as a great exhibition, which together offer at least an hour-and-a-half of fun.

We arrived later than our time slot - after being sent on a magical mystery tour by London underground staff - but managed to still get in, which was a relief as I wouldn't have liked to have taken a disappointed Josh back home again.

Warned of flashing lights, moving floors, smoke and dark places we weren't sure of what to expect as we stepped through its doors. After watching a film outlining our mission - to help the Doctor escape his enemies - we stepped through the crack in time and boarded Starship UK where we received

orders from the Doctor himself. We, 'The Shoppers', as we were known by the Doctor, had to help him fly the Tardis as he was unexpectedly caught up in a rather small box, thanks to the Daleks.

Stepping into the Tardis, complete with control panels and moving floors, he told us which buttons to use to fly it before we rushed along a corridor to come face to face with the Doctor's ultimate enemy - the Daleks. Josh was a bit jumpy at first in this area, more because he didn't know what to expect, but he soon settled down and watched as several Daleks screeched 'exterminate' at us.

Escaping their extermination we rushed through the Forest of Weeping Angels - making sure we didn't blink - before entering the Pandorica 3D experience and trying to escape the clutches of Weeping Angels and Cybermen as they reached out towards us.

The whole experience was packed with amazing special effects and exclusive filming with Matt Smith, and there were many characters and items from the series we spotted on our journey.

After our action-packed experience we went on to explore the largest ever collection of original Doctor Who props and artefacts. We saw the entire collection of Doctors' iconic costumes from 1963 to the present day and took our photos next to the David Tennant



WHAT'S THAT? Joshua with one of the characters from Doctor Who.

Tardis set, as well as by the control panels of the Tardis. There was also a photo opportunity inside where you can have your photo taken at the front door of the Tardis as it whizzes through space - a great keepsake which costs a few pounds.

There was a display of the Doctors' arch enemies through the ages, including the latest addition from the current TV series - the Silence and the

Silurians.

We stood next to a Cyberman, who is actually shorter than the other half, talked like a Dalek, learnt how to walk like a Cyber man - a skill in itself - and climbed inside a Dalek.

The whole visit was fantastic and all three of us thoroughly enjoyed it. I would definitely recommend it to any Doctor Who fans out there as it is a great day out for all the family.

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- Christmas Concert, Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh, 'Christmas Stars' presented by The Mushroom Theatre Company, 7.30pm, in aid of Friends of Holy Trinity Rayleigh, mulled wine and mince pie refreshments, tickets £7, members of the Friends £6, children £2.

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- Dad's and Kids Club, The Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.

- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.

- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 465801.

- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue, Leigh, every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

- Football School for Girls, Fyerns Recreation Ground, £1 drop in sessions every Saturday 10.30-11.30am, in association with Leigh Celtic Girls and Ladies FC. 07882 456558.

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- Footie Tots, Swan School, Rayleigh, Saturday mornings from 9am, 3 years upwards, further details Shane 07887 627385/07790 938009.

- Modern Sequence Dancing, St Andrew's Church Hall, Electric Avenue, Westcliff, every Saturday 7.30pm, Henry 01702 293794.

Sunday, December 11

- Table Sale, South Green Memorial Hall, Billericay, 9am-noon, admission 20p, tables £5 can be pre-booked by calling 07895 053411.

- Traditional Folk Carol Service, St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh, 6.30-8pm, 'The Famous Potatoes' and other local artistes, in aid of the homeless, famine and church charities.

- Self help Group for Stammerers, meets second Sunday every month in Basildon area, further details 01268 454081 or email rm00667184@blueyonder.co.uk

- Santa Special, Canvey Miniature Railway, next to Waterside Sports Centre, Somes Avenue, Canvey Island, 11am-3pm, adults and children £4 each, take a train ride to see Santa in his Grotto, children receive a present, mince pie and hot drinks to adults, subject to weather conditions.

- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.

- American Football, Essex Spartans, junior players wanted aged 14-19, training Hannaking Farm, Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, Sundays noon-2pm, further details contact Coach, Alan 07794 210194.

- Men's Futsal Football Sessions, Markhams Chase, Basildon, Sundays 8-10pm, all abilities welcome, £4, Paul 07882 456558.

- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

what's on**Monday, December 12**

- Public Meeting, Epilepsy Support Group (Southend based), Naval and Military Club, Royal Terrace, Southend, 7.30pm.

- Epilepsy Support Group, George Hurd Centre, Basildon, friendly discussion, speakers and activities, second Monday every month, 7.45-10pm, 01268 270697.

- Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, easy craft projects including dough craft, festive decorations etc. 07730 582784.

- Meeting, Benfleet Camera Club, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 'Christmas Supper', fish and chips and social evening, 8-10pm.

- Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazzyt with Johnny Witheren vibraphone/Chris English keyboard, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.

- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group needs new members, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk

- Southend Chess Club, Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Mondays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.

- Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.

- Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prettlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.

- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.

- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, all tops, skirts and trousers all at £1 each, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.

- Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, 01268 691922.

- Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.

- Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8.9.30pm, further details 07879 004744.

- Playaway, Ingaway Chapel, Lee Chapel South, parent and toddler group, Mondays

10.15-11.15am, Thursdays 9.15am and 10.15am, Tanya 01268 413624.

- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, opposite Thames Drive, Mondays 1pm-5pm and Tuesdays 7.30pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

Tuesday, December 13

- Meeting, Laindon and District Horticultural Society, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, Laindon, 'Christmas Social/buffet', 8pm, tea and biscuits, annual membership £7, visitors £1.50.

- Lunchtime Recorded Music, Committee Room 3, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend, 'Your Christmas Choices', 12.45-1.45pm, admission free.

- Folk Music, Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, The Ship, New Road, Old Leigh, 'Strangeworld', 8pm, 01702 715111.

- New Horizons, Holy Cross Church Hall, Horndon-on-the-Hill, new bereavement group meets second and fourth Tuesday each month, 1.30-3.30pm. 01708 524348/443380.

- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fyerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Friday 10am-2.30pm.

- Heirloom Bears, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 10am-noon, 01268 465854.

- New and Nearly New Shop outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

- Table Tennis, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Tuesdays 7.30-10.30pm, all welcome, £3.50 a session. 01268 779100.

- Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breath Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

- Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Hall, by Morrisons, Tuesdays 1.45-3.45pm, come and try, no experience necessary, also Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm.

- Running and Walking Club, Phoenix Striders, meet 7pm Laindon Community Centre, to leave 7.15pm, every Tuesday and Thursday. 07787 723860.

- Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

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what's on

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, 01702 478691/525141/340617.
 ■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, which is a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.
 ■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
 ■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.
 ■ Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.

Wednesday, December 14

■ Illustrated Talk in Italian, Southend Anglo Italian Circle, Friends Meeting House, 18 Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 'Festa di Natale - How Christmas is celebrated in Italy', 8pm, entrance £3, 01702 478105.
 ■ Christmas Party Night, Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, Belvedere Golf and Country Club, Hardings Elms Road, Billericay, 8pm, further details 01277 657219.
 ■ Monthly Meeting, Wiford Townswomen's Guild, Christ Church (behind Co-op), 1.30-3.30pm, visitors welcome, entry £2.
 ■ Barn Dance Club, Grand Ceilidh Club, Riga Music Bar, The Cricketers, Milton Road, Westcliff, live music from Musicians, 8.30pm, call 01702 553622.
 ■ Christmas Party, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Balmoral Community Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, further details Frances 01702 342426.
 ■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.
 ■ Parent & Toddler Group, Crowstone Christian Centre, 91 Crowstone Road, Westcliff, 9.30am-11.30am during term time, also Thursday and Friday mornings, call 01702 352668.
 ■ Breastfeeding Support Group, Blenheim Children's Centre, School Way, Leigh, 1-

2.30pm, same time as Child Health Clinic, every Wednesday (term-time only).
 ■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30pm, 01268 465432.
 ■ Salsa, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm, no partner required. 01268 465854.
 ■ Southern Vox Choir, Temple Sutton School, Southend, every Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm, lively, fun choir for adults (18+), call Jo 07969 216366.
 ■ Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.
 ■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, Sue 07917 573653.
 ■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Charlie 01277 623752.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Group, Honeybees, Lairdon Community Centre, Aston Road, High Road, Lairdon, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.30am and 10.30am. 01268 449431/07944 983734.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Group, Buttercup Club, Scout Hall, Ellensbrook Close, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Lairdon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

Thursday, December 15

■ Illustrated Talk, Westcliff United Reformed Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, 'Seasons, Wildlife and Photography' by Gwyn Jordon, 7.30pm, £1.50 donation, including refreshments.
 ■ Meeting, Royal British Legion, Moosehall, Cranleigh Drive, Leigh, 8pm, new members and visitors welcome, call 01702 389296.
 ■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, every Thursday 7.30pm and every Sunday 6.30pm.
 ■ Learn to Paint Landscapes in Water Colour with Trevor Shaw, for beginners and

improvers, in Hadleigh Thursdays 10am-noon, further details 01702 558282.
 ■ Cake, Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
 ■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club at Anchor Pub, Benfleet, varied social events, come and make new friends, 8.30pm every Thursday, call Jill 01268 753667.
 ■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pal Appeal.
 ■ Dance About, St Mark's Church Hall, Princes Street, Thursdays 7-8pm, all kinds of music and dancing.
 ■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.
 ■ Short Mat Bowls every Thursday at Cresswell School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey Island, 7pm start. All welcome. First month free. Call 01268 682193.
 ■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.
 ■ Whist Drive, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Marguerite Drive, Leigh, Thursdays 1.45pm, entry £1.20.
 ■ Drama/Social Club, working for Animal Charities, St George's Hall (near Tarpots), Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, new members needed, no acting experience required, Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 697357.
 ■ Hit and Miss Table Tennis sessions, Hockley Table Tennis Club welcomes Juniors (under 16) between 5-7pm, coaching available (free), followed by those over 16 at 7.30-9.30pm, all ages and abilities, every Thursday, Trevor 07828 175493.
 ■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, £4, first 3 weeks free, 01702 553546.
 ■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Lairdon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.
 ■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, entry £3. 01702 476087.
 ■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.
 ■ Meeting, Billericay Art Club, Church Hall, Great Burstead, 8pm, new members of every ability welcome. 01277 656877.

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There's a Smooth Criminal Michael Jackson tribute on December 8, an Abba Unique Girls tribute on December 14, Disco and Karaoke Evenings from Monday to Thursday evenings, and live entertainment every Friday and Saturday, including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Singers joining the restaurant include Gary Oliver on December 9, Claire Capon on December 10, Denise Weavers on December 16, Amanda Jacks on December 17, and Alex Ashe on December 23 and 24.

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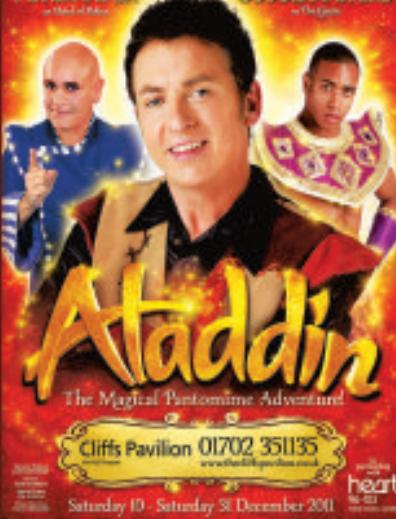
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A THUNDERSLEY restaurant goes out of its way to look after its customers, by offering free VIP cards and helping diners raise thousands of pounds for charity.

Tandoori Parlour, at 61-63 Hart Road, has helped raise thousands of pounds over the years for a range of charities including Barnardo's, the British Red Cross and Essex Air Ambulance.

Its Charity Nights give up to 50 per cent of profits to fundraisers for the charity of their choice. They are also outstanding value-for-money as prices per person are just £6 from Sunday to Wednesday, £7 on Thursdays and £10 on Fridays. What's more, if you organise your charity event for 60 or more people a DJ or karaoke is also free of charge.

The big-hearted restaurant also looks after its diners by offering them a free VIP card. The card, which can be used every day except

Saturday evenings and throughout the year except Christmas, saves you pounds on it's a la carte and buffet menus.

The card offers 'two for one' deals on starters and main courses from its a la carte menu from Sunday to Friday, and £3 off per person at its buffet evenings from Monday to Friday.

Anyone interested in a VIP card, which has to be presented to receive offers, can pick one up from the restaurant or ask for one to be posted.

Tandoori Parlour, which is the largest Indian restaurant in Essex and one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005, is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide.

The restaurant, which has the capacity for 450 people, has a downstairs dining area with bar and dance floor as well as its Crystal Room upstairs, complete with illuminated glass dance floor, laser light show, baby grand

piano, and state-of-the-art sound and lighting.

Diners can enjoy a wide range of Indian and Nepalese cuisine at its extensive evening buffets, which offer the ideal chance to try different tastes.

Your buffet begins with a platter of starters silver served at your table before more than 50 dishes from different provinces of India and Nepal.

The buffet costs just £11.95 per person from Sunday to Wednesday, and £12.95 on Thursday.

Its popular Banquet and Disco nights are held on Friday and Saturday offering silver served starters, extensive buffet as well as a disco with DJ entertainment. Both evenings cost £16.95 per person, or just £14 on Friday night for VIP card holders.

Its Sunday Family Buffet lunch is also great value-for-money at just £7.95 per person, with children under the age of 10 eating for free.



A full a la carte menu is also available at the restaurant alongside its buffets.

Tandoori Parlour, which is fully air conditioned and licensed, with full disabled facilities, and a free large car park opposite, also has a takeaway service.

The modern restaurant is now taking Christmas bookings for disco and karaoke nights from late November, from just £11.95 per person.

Tandoori Parlour is open from noon to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to midnight from Monday to Saturday (last admission 10.30pm), and from noon to midnight (last admission 10.30pm) on Sunday.

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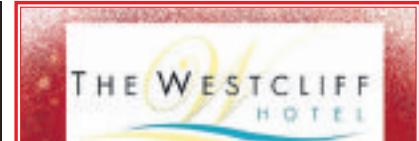
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The restaurant also has a Chef's Specials board to choose from, and a Children's Menu offering a variety of dishes for just £3.95, from Monday to Saturday. If you have room for

more then its desserts are to die for! The menu offers a wide choice including delicious pancakes, waffles, apple pie and chocolate fudge gateau, as well as a range of ice creams such as the old favourites of Butti-Nutti, Minty Miracle and Walnut Wonder, along with its newest additions of Forest Fantasia, Eton Mess and Almond Adventure.



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Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 people and is also available for private functions.

It also boasts a Takeaway Service for those who want to enjoy dishes from its A

La Carte menu, as well as pizza and pasta, in the comfort of their own home.

The restaurant, situated at 767 London Road, Westcliff (opposite Chalkwell Park), is now taking bookings for Christmas Day and Boxing Day lunches.

Anyone interested is urged to call for further information and to

book early to avoid disappointment.

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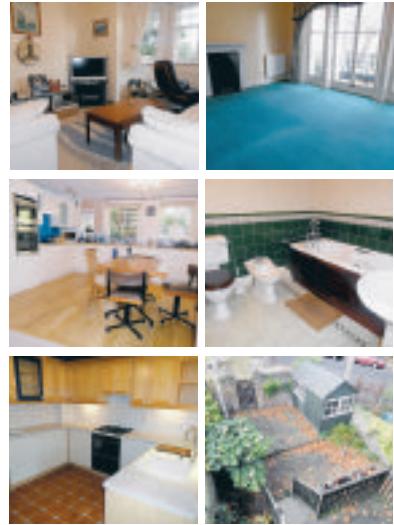
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CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA

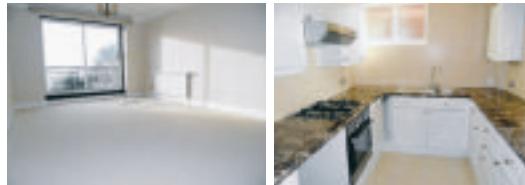
£525,000

Sorrell are privileged to offer for sale this attractive, character three storied Victorian town house situated within one of the most sought after roads within the Clifftown Conservation Area overlooking the bowling green. The property offers attractive and spacious living accommodation as well as benefitting from six potential bedrooms part of which include a basement apartment with stairs leading to upper floors, which could easily be incorporated as part of the whole house. There is a secluded West backing garden and off street parking. Cashiobury Terrace is located within close proximity of Southend town centre, main railway stations, Cliff gardens and seafront.

- Victorian town house
- Six bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- En-suite shower room/wc
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Self contained basement flat
- Courtyard rear garden
- Off street parking

WESTCLIFF ON SEA

£335,000



Being situated in one of the most sought after clifftop apartment blocks is this immaculate upper ground floor property offering a spacious lounge/diner opening onto a balcony/patio affording superb estuary views. There is a modern fitted kitchen with appliances and an attractive bathroom/wc. Two double bedrooms are on offer, the main benefiting from an ensuite shower room/wc and all reception rooms are newly carpeted. The property comes with a garage and there is no onward chain.

SOUTHEND ON SEA

£169,950



An opportunity has arisen to purchase this two/three bedroom first floor apartment situated within a central location of Southend, close to Clifftown Conservation Area. The property benefits from South facing sun balcony as well as the whole of the front garden which provides off street parking.

SOUTHEND ON SEA

£182,000



Semi detached family house offering two reception rooms, three bedrooms, a good size fitted kitchen and a first floor bathroom/wc. There is a double glazed conservatory and a shared driveway giving access to own garage. There is double glazing and gas central heating and a rear garden approx 60' in length. No onward chain

MILTON CONSERVATION AREA

£94,950



We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this spacious second floor apartment being situated within the sought after Milton Conservation Area. The property benefits from gas central heating as well as communal parking and gardens. Ideal first time purchase and offering early vacant possession.

WESTCLIFF ON SEA

£179,950



Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this exceptional two bedroom top floor apartment situated within this most idyllic location being within close proximity to Westcliff mainline railway station providing sea views with two double bedrooms, en-suite and balcony. The property has been well maintained with quality fixtures and fittings throughout.

CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA

£625 pcm



Self contained ground floor flat situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area, large lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with integrated oven and hob with extractor fan, utility room, double bedroom, bathroom with modern suite and shower attachment, separate wc, gas central heating, own courtyard and stairs leading to own 50' rear garden, communal front and side gardens, resident permits available.

SHOREFIELD CONSERVATION AREA

£

850

pcm



Situated within a sought after clifftop location is this attractive ground floor apartment. Own personal entrance door, entrance hall, large lounge with wooden floor and open plan fully fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, large double bedroom, bathroom / wc with shower cubicle, gas central heating via radiators, lawned communal gardens, private south facing balcony, garage.

CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA

£750 pcm



Being situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area is this stunning lower ground floor apartment benefitting from a roomy lounge/diner and offering two good size bedrooms. There is a fitted kitchen and a spacious shower room/wc and the property has stripped wooden flooring throughout enhancing the character of this desirable Clifftown Parade apartment.

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Four bedroom, two reception room semi-detached house located in a quiet location. Lounge. Dining room. Fitted kitchen. Family bathroom. Additional separate w.c. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Good decorative order. Approx. 60' rear garden. Walking distance of local shops and bus routes.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £124,995

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WESTERN APPROACHES £179,995

Three bedroom detached house located within close proximity of supermarket and local schools. Lounge 15'9 x 10'. Conservatory 12' x 6'. Dining room 12' x 8'. Cloakroom. Fitted kitchen 12' x 8'. Bedroom one 13'6 x 9'6. Bedroom two 10'2 x 9'6. Bedroom three 8'6 x 7'4. Bathroom/w.c. Rear garden. Off-road parking & garage. Double glazed. In need of some updating and decoration.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £149,995

Completely refurbished two bedroom cottage. Lounge/diner 20' x 11'. Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom. Double glazed. Newly installed boiler (not tested). Re-plastered walls and ceilings throughout. New carpets and laminate throughout. Close to transport links to London and Southend, plus local facilities within Southchurch. No onward chain.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £165,000

Deceptively spacious four/five bedroom family house. Lounge. Reception room/dining room. Morning/breakfast room. Kitchen. Ground floor bathroom/w.c. First floor bathroom/w.c. 45' rear garden. In need of some updating and modernisation. Central location. Excellent value.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £69,950

One/two bedroom ground floor flat located close to Southchurch Road shops and amenities. Entrance hall. Lounge/bedroom. Dining room/lounge. modern fitted kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. Garden. Gas central heating (not tested). Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £54,995

One bedroom ground floor flat. Entrance hall. Lounge with open plan modern fitted kitchen 18' reducing to 10' max. bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating via radiators. Laundry communal gardens. Lease in excess of 90 years. Ideally suited to first time purchaser or those requiring an investment opportunity.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £169,995

First and second floor three bedroom apartment within the heart of the Clifftown Conservation Area. Good size lounge. South facing balcony. Kitchen. Second bedroom with en-suite cloakroom. Parking for several vehicles. Close proximity to mainline railway station & Southend town centre.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £87,500

First floor purpose built one bedroom apartment situated in the Chalkwell Lodge development. Lounge 15'4 x 10'. Kitchen 11'6 x 8'. Bedroom 12'6 x 11'. Gas fired warm air heating system. South facing views over the Bowling Green. Lift service to all floors. Currently let on an AST at £500pcm, and would suit investors or non-dependent buyers.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £89,950

One bedroom top floor purpose built flat. Entrance hall. Lounge. Modern fitted kitchen. Double bedroom. Walk-in closet. Bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating via radiators (not tested). uPVC double glazed. Communal gardens. Private parking space. Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity.



WESTCLIFF PARADE £214,995

Two/three bedroom bungalow located in the sought after Conservation Area. Fantastic estuary views. Lounge. Dining room/bedroom three. Kitchen with built-in oven & hob. Bathroom & separate w.c. Garage with electric door. Well kept communal gardens. Offered with no onward chain.



MILTON CONSERVATION AREA £159,995

We are pleased to offer for sale this two-bedroom ground-floor flat, located in the Milton Conservation Area within walking distance of the Cliff gardens, seafront, town centre, and mainline railway station. The property is offered in good decorative order with modern kitchen and bathroom. Gas central heating. Share of south-facing communal garden and single detached garage.



CONSERVATION AREA £439,995

Four bedroom Victorian property in the heart of the Clifftown Conservation Area. Lounge. Dining room. Sitting room. Ground floor cloakroom. Luxury fitted kitchen with appliances. Modern gas central heating. Many original features. Excellent decorative order throughout. Early viewing strongly advised.

LETTINGS



NESS ROAD, SHOEBURY £550 PCM

Large first floor ONE double bedroom flat close to East Beach; LOUNGE; MODERN FITTED KITCHEN; SHOWER ROOM/W.C; CENTRAL HEATING; COMMUNAL GARDENS; PARKING SPACE; Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS3 9DJ



CASHIBURY TERRACE, SOUTHEND £650 PCM

ONE double bedroom flat in the Clifftown Conservation area overlooking the bowling green; LOUNGE WITH FIREPLACE AND BAY WINDOW; FITTED KITCHEN; SHOWER ROOM/W.C; GARDEN; CENTRAL HEATING; PERMIT PARKING; Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 1EZ



WESTCLIFF PARADE, WESTCLIFF £900 PCM

Superb self contained ground floor ONE double bedroom apartment opposite Cliff Gardens: ORIGINAL ENTR DOOR; LARGE LOUNGE. OPEN PLAN FULLY FITTED KITCHEN; CENTRAL HEATING; COMMUNAL GARDENS; BALCONY; GARAGE: Available now: Part Furnished: No Pets: SS0 7QE



PALMERSTON ROAD, WESTCLIFF £695 PCM

Large TWO double bedroom first floor apartment with Estuary views. SEC. ENTR LOUNGE; MODERN FITTED KITCHEN; CENTRAL HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; PARKING SPACE; Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS0 7TB



EASTERN ESPLANADE, SOUTHEND £750 PCM

Two double bedroom maisonette arranged over TWO floors with panoramic Estuary OWN ENTR LOUNGE; LOUNGE WITH BALCONY; KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM; DOUBLE GLAZED; CENTRAL HEATING; CARPETED; Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 2YP



SCRATTON ROAD, SOUTHEND £695 PCM

Large top floor TWO double bedroom apartment in the heart of the cliff town. Large lounge, large kitchen/diner, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, one double, one single bedroom; central heating; double glazed; communal gardens. Available end January; Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 1EN



ST HELENS ROAD, WESTCLIFF £625 PCM

Ground floor flat close to Cliff Gardens. LARGE LOUNGE; FITTED KITCHEN; ONE DOUBLE, ONE SINGLE BEDROOM; CENTRAL HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; COMMUNAL GARDENS. Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS0 7LF



LOWDICK, THORPE BAY £1,250 PCM

PANORAMIC Estuary views. LARGE LOUNGE WITH TERRACE; KITCHEN; FIRST FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOM WITH TERRACE; THREE FURTHER DOUBLE BEDROOMS; CENTRAL HEATING; LARGE SOUTH FACING BALCONY; GARAGE: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS3 9HW



WYATTS DRIVE, SOUTHEND £825 PCM

TWO/THREE bedroom ground floor apartment close to the beach. SEC. ENTR LOUNGE; LARGE LOUNGE; BALCONY; MODERN KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES; BEDROOM 4/STUDY; DOUBLE GLAZED; CENTRAL HEATING; PARKING SPACE; Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 3DB



THORPE ESPLANADE, THORPE BAY £895 PCM

Large THREE/FOUR bedroom first floor apartment with South facing Balcony. THREE BEDROOMS; ONE DOUBLE, ONE SINGLE BEDROOM; CENTRAL HEATING; DOUBLE GLAZED; GARDEN; GARAGE: Available mid December; Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 3BG



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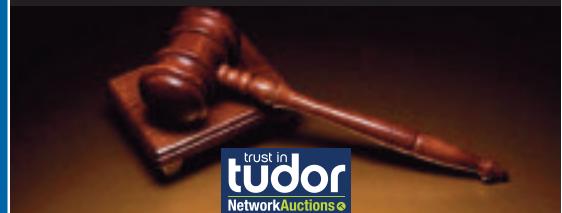
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NEW PRICE



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA OIEO £95,000

* IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE OR BUY TO LET IS THIS GROUND FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENT FOR PRITTLWELL MAINLINE STATION AND SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE * Refurbished * One bedroom * Lounge * Newly fitted kitchen * Newly fitted bathroom * Communal garden * Newly fitted upVC double glazed windows * Gas central heating * Own front door * New fitted carpets * Ref: ETS4487

NEW INSTRUCTION



PRITTLEWELL £285,000

* IN THE EARLS HALL ESTATE IS THIS DETACHED FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE * Lounge * Dining room * Kitchen/ Breakfast room * Bathroom * Separate wc * Ground floor shower room * South backing garden * Off street parking * Storage garage * Mostly double glazed * Gas central heating * Ref: ETS4525

FAMILY HOUSE



WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £169,995

* SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH GARAGE AND GENEROUS OFF STREET PARKING * Three bedrooms * Two reception rooms * Kitchen * Bathroom * Double glazing * Gas central heating * South backing garden * Garage * Off street parking * Ref: ETS4355

NEAR STATION



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £129,995

* INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS FIRST FLOOR FLAT LOCATED CLOSE TO SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE * Two bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Own section of rear garden * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Ref: ETS4408

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* SUPERB SECOND FLOOR FLAT IN CENTRAL SOUTHEND * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Modern dining kitchen with built-in oven and hob * Bathroom * Own parking space * Gas central heating * Double glazing * Unfurnished * Ref: R1284

CONVENIENT FOR PRIORY PARK



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £700 pcm

* DELIGHTFUL TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENT FOR PRIORY PARK AND PRITTLEWELL MAINLINE STATION * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen/ Breakfast room * Bathroom * Garden * Mostly double glazed * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1728

NEW INSTRUCTION



SHOEBURYNESS £425 pcm

* MODERN STUDIO FLAT CONVENIENTLY SITUATED OPPOSITE ASDA SUPERMARKET * Studio * Large shower room * Residents parking * Communal garden * Residents parking * Electric heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R308

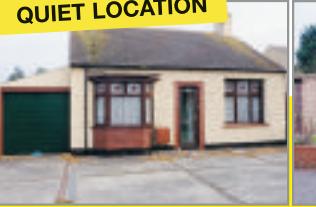
AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £900 pcm

* LARGE THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED CLOSE TO PRIORY PARK * Two double bedrooms * One single bedroom * Two reception rooms * Fitted kitchen * Bathroom * Garden 100ft approx * Garage * Off street parking * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1609

QUIET LOCATION



LEIGH-ON-SEA £795 pcm

* AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY IS THIS ATTRACTIVE DETACHED BUNGALOW * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Dining room * Kitchen * Shower room * Large garden * Garage * Off street parking * Part double glazed * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1726

NEW INSTRUCTION



LEIGH-ON-SEA £675 pcm

* ENJOYING FABULOUS VIEWS OF THE ESTUARY IS THIS GROUND FLOOR FLAT * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Gas central heating * Part double glazing * Communal rear garden * Patio to front with estuary views * Unfurnished * Ref: R508

RECENTLY REFURBISHED



PRITTLEWELL £600 pcm

* GOOD SIZED & RECENTLY REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PRITTLEWELL STATION * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Newly fitted kitchen with integrated oven and hob * Newly fitted bathroom suite * Separate wc * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1727

CLOSE TO TRANSPORT LINKS



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £450 pcm

* FIRST FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENTLY SITUATED FOR SOUTHEND VICTORIA, LOCAL BUS ROUTES AND TOWN CENTRE * One bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Own section of garden * Unfurnished * Ref: R1456

PARKING



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £450 pcm

* GOOD SIZE GROUND FLOOR FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE AND MAINLINE STATIONS * One double bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Off street parking * Gas central heating * Newly fitted carpets * Unfurnished * Ref: R1161

WELL PRESENTED



SHOEBURYNESS £600 pcm

* GROUND FLOOR FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO LOCAL AMENITIES AND BUS ROUTES * Two double bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Gas central heating * Direct access to garden * Unfurnished * Ref 1412

CLOSE TO BROADWAY



LEIGH-ON-SEA £795 pcm

* SUPERB FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN THE HEART OF LEIGH * One double bedroom * One large single room * Lounge * Kitchen with integrated appliances * Bathroom * Courtyard garden * Double glazing * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R1725

CLOSE TO MAINLINE STATION



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £590 pcm

* TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN THE HEART OF SOUTHEND, CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE, MAINLINE STATIONS AND LOCAL BUS ROUTES * One double bedroom * One single bedroom * Lounge * Kitchen/ Diner * Bathroom * Gas central heating * Unfurnished * Ref: R917

NEW PRICE



SOUTHCHURCH £480 pcm

* FIRST FLOOR FLAT SITUATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA AND WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO SEAFRONT AND PARK * One double bedroom * Lounge * Fitted kitchen with integrated oven * Bathroom * Unfurnished * Ref: R1473

POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA



LEIGH-ON-SEA £595 pcm

* GROUND FLOOR FLAT SITUATED CLOSE TO LOCAL SHOPS AND AMENITIES IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA * One double bedroom * One large single bedroom * Contemporary interior design * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Communal garden * Resident parking * Electric heating * Double glazing * Unfurnished * Ref R1440



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SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £167,500

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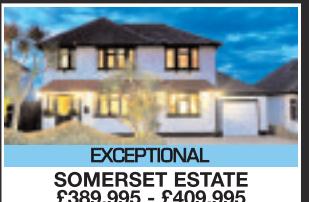
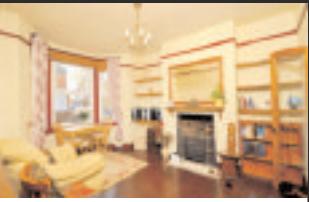
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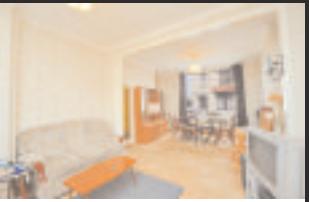
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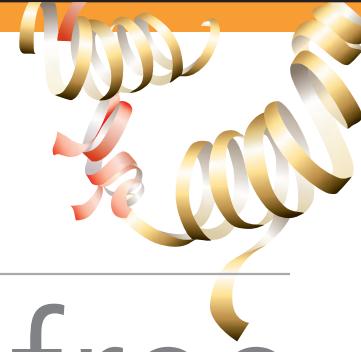
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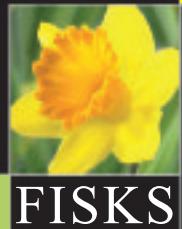
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The specialist buy-to-let mortgage lender, worked with market research specialists BDRC Continental to build a picture of landlords' planned purchasing behaviour for the next 12 months, at a time when the PRS is more heavily relied upon by a greater proportion of the population than ever before.

More than a fifth – 22 per cent – of the landlords that took part in the survey said that they expect to purchase additional properties in the next 12 months, and just eight per cent are considering reducing their stock. The average portfolio size in second quarter (Q2) of 2011 was 12, which has climbed to 13 in Q3.

When asked about their current portfolios the most popular property type that landlords' owned were terraced houses, with 65 per cent of landlords owning at least one. This was followed by 58 per cent of landlords owning a flat, 48 per cent a semi-detached house and 24% a House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO).

The research also highlighted that landlords are more positive about being a landlord, with 77 per cent agreeing to this statement and 57 per cent rating the prospects for the PRS in the next 12 months as very good or good.

John Heron, Paragon Mortgages managing director, said: "This is an interesting time for the PRS as landlords are experiencing very high levels of tenant demand as other areas of the housing market come under increasing strain.

"Looking at the year ahead, I am pleased to see that landlords are expecting to add to their portfolios as there is no sign that tenant demand is going to slow in 2012 and to ensure the PRS can withstand further demand, there needs to be increasing investment in PRS stock."

With more landlords taking advantage of high rental yields and increasing levels of buy-to-let funding, there is likely to be further demand in the sales market in Essex with an increased supply of stock for lettings due to high rental yields.

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By Marc Da Silva



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Q. Is there any point putting my home on the market before Christmas, or should I wait until the New Year?

A. As a general rule, there is nothing to be gained by waiting before putting your home on the market. Assuming that you are looking to sell in order to buy somewhere else, the swings and roundabouts principle always applies – whatever the state of the market.

That said, Christmas is the one real exception. Quite frankly, there is no point rushing to market this close to the start of the festive season. Right now, just about everybody has other things on their minds than looking at properties – properties which, with even the best will in the world, they won't be able to move into before the New Year.

However...far from just sitting on your hands until the turkey carcass finally bites the dust, you can always turn this enforced lull to your advantage by putting everything in place, so that you can hit the ground running immediately the festive season is over. In fact, this is just plain common sense – but it's particularly true in the current climate. With buyers so few and far between, you need to take advantage of anything that could give you even the slightest edge.

The key thing, of course, is to do your research, select your estate agent carefully and instruct them. Most agents are going to have quite a lot of time to spare over the next two or three weeks, so your chosen firm should be perfectly able to get everything ready for a New Year marketing blitz – from commissioning your Energy Performance Certificate, taking good-quality photographs and preparing marketing materials, to advising you on any little things you can do to improve the buyer-appeal of your home.

The net result of all this is that you will be ideally placed to take the fullest possible advantage of the increase in market activity which invariably follows the Christmas lull. And don't forget, the further you are down the road to selling your current home, the stronger position you'll be in when it comes to striking a deal on the next one.

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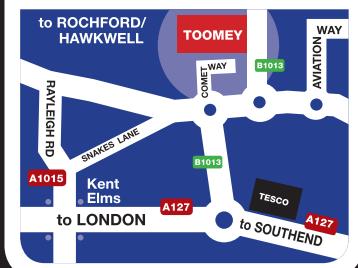


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motoring news**Safe driving in winter**

by Steve Ghosley

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In the cold, wet weather, it's even more important than ever to give your car a thorough check over - for safety as well as peace of mind.

Ensuring that your car is serviced regularly is one way to avoid all the hassle of a breakdown - not foolproof, of course, but prevention is always better than cure. Tyres should always be carefully checked as worn treads can be lethal - for you and innocent bystanders, as well as other road users. Tyre pressure, too, should be regularly monitored.

Up until recently UK motorists hadn't adopted the Continental practice of swapping tyres in the autumn for winter ones - then swapping back in the spring to summer ones. As a result of recent very cold winters however attitudes are changing with many garages now offering a 'Winter Tyre Fitting Service' where they will sell you a set of winter tyres and store your summer ones free of



charge.

One of the most common causes of breakdown is battery failure. Sluggish starting is a sure sign that your car battery is getting old. As soon as starting becomes slow, it's time to think about buying a new battery, especially after a long winter.

If you're venturing to the Continent, make sure you read up on the traffic laws in the countries you're planning to visit. You could be liable for hefty on the spot fines or even time in a foreign jail if you don't.

Before setting off on a winter journey, assess the weather and if in doubt stay at home. If, however, you do set off, take time to run through the basic checks outlined above. Keep a few essentials in the car, too.

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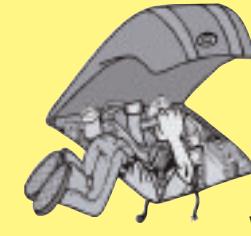
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Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to the Marine Management Organisation, Marine Environment Team, PO Box 1275, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 5BN, or alternatively emailed to Jeremy.Evans@marinemgmt.org.uk, within 28 days of the date of the first notice, 30th November 2011 quoting reference MLA/2011/00252.

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Crucial weekend for Leopards

Basketball

LONDON Leopards will be looking for success in both the league and cup this weekend as they face games on Friday and Sunday.

The Big Cats host London rivals Westminster Warriors at the Brentwood Centre on Friday evening (8pm) in EBL Division One before making the long trip to Tees Valley Mohawks for the National Cup semi-final two days later.

Leopards met Westminster in the National Cup third round, and with Vernon Teel posting a 32 point, 12 assist and ten rebound double-double, the Big Cats progressed

with a 96-86 victory.

Despite that win, coach Dejan Mihevc is not taking anything for granted and is looking forward to playing at Brentwood.

He said: "It's our second home league game of the season and we are very excited to play in front of our supporters. We are expecting good support from our fans, and we can assure them that we won't disappoint. Westminster are a dangerous team that will play hard the whole game and we must play at 100 per cent if we want to win and play with a good aggressive defence."

The Leopards play-caller acknowledges that Sunday's

trip to Middlesbrough is his side's more important game of the campaign:

"This game is probably the biggest one for us this season. We know that the home team has a great advantage because they play at home, and we need to travel more than five hours, but to get in the final you must forget everything and do your best to get there."

The Big Cats will be looking bounce back after a poor performance at Medway Park Crusaders saw them lose 93-83 on Saturday.

Leopards controlled the first half, leading 20-15 after the opening period and were up by ten going into the final



POINTS: Vernon Teel.
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two minutes of the second quarter before Crusaders rattled off a 7-0 run to cut the margin to 39-35 at half-time.

The teams were level mid-

way through the final period, but Leopards' offence dried up down the stretch as they slipped to their fourth straight away league loss.

Hall gives Blues another shot at Latics

Southend United

SOUTHEND United equalled a club record of 17 games unbeaten after fighting back to draw 1-1 at home to League One's Oldham Athletic on Saturday in the FA Cup Second Round.

James Wesolowski had given the Latics a first half lead, but the Blues earned a replay with a trademark Ryan Hall long strike midway through the second half.

The prize of a trip to Anfield to face Liverpool await the winners.

With both teams sizing each other in the opening exchanges, it was not until 18 minutes when the game saw its first notable chance, Kieran Lee playing through Lucas Scapuzzi but his strike was blocked by on rushing Blues keeper Luke Daniels.

Experienced Finnish striker Shefki Kuqi tried his luck from long range which Daniels was equal to before the Shrimpers thought they had gone ahead on 32 minutes.

Bilel Mohsni headed home Sean Clohessy's cross but referee David Webb ruled he had fouled Nathan Clarke. The visitors capitalised seven minutes later when Daniels parried out Scapuzzi's shot and Wesolowski struck a stinging drive which went in off the underside of the bar.

It should have been two a minute later when Kuqi took advantage of a mistake by Mark Phillips, rounded Daniels but somehow put his effort wide with just Chris Barker on the line covering.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock made changes at half-time, replacing Jean-Paul Kalala and Liam Dickinson with Blair Sturrock and Neil Harris.

It was Harris who nearly brought Southend back into the game three minutes in, but his flick from Hall's cross went wide.

The woodwork came to Blues' rescue when Dean Furman's strike cannoned off the crossbar on the hour mark, leaving Daniels rooted to the spot. It was a turning point as Southend levelled five minutes



'I SAW IT FIRST': Southend's Michael Timlin and Bilel Mohsni battle for the ball with Shefki Kuqi, while the crowd celebrate Ryan Hall's equaliser (inset).
Pictures by Dave Montier

later, with Hall's shot from 35 yards after Latics keeper Alex Cisak was off his line following a clearance.

It was all Southend for the remainder of the match, but they could not find the killer goal. Hall had another long shot, this time from 25 yards, but Cisak parried away, while it was not Mohsni's afternoon as his powerful header was disallowed for off-side.

Cisak denied Southend a third round spot, producing a point blank save from Mohsni which means both sides will meet at Boundary Park next week.



Barking drop down while Southend beaten at home

Rugby Union

BARKING slipped to second from bottom after going down 23-8 at midtable Sedgley Park on Saturday.

Despite going ahead through Chris Ashwin's penalty, the Eastenders went into half-time 13-3 down as tries for Fergus Owen and two penalties and a conversion from Matt Riley put the hosts ahead.

Barking had put in a spirited performance and started the second half well, with Will Nelson going over although the conversion was missed. However, the Tigers extend-

ed their lead with Richard Oxley scoring a try, converted by Riley, who also kicked a further penalty.

Southend suffered a disappointing 14-66 home defeat to high-flying Hartpury College in National Two South.

Southend youngsters started well with Alan Barker touching down and Bradley Burr converting.

But with hard tackling and fast backs, Hartpury had the measure of Southend and raced to a 7-66 lead deep into the second half.

Southend battled on and scored their second try of the afternoon

through Harry Hudson, Burr adding the extras.

Westcliff ended a run of four straight defeats with a 35-21 win over fellow strugglers Bracknell in National League Three London & South East.

In London One North, Thurrock remain top thanks to their 61-3 victory over Old Colfeians.

Brentwood lifted themselves up the table due to their 12-19 win at lowly North Walsham, while Rochford Hundred's struggles continued, losing 12-35 to Eton Manor.

Chingford dropped down the

table, going down 39-0 at Letchworth Garden City.

Romford & Gidea Park opened up their lead to 11 points in London Two North East after winning 9-52 at Canvey Island, who are now third bottom.

Basildon dropped down to third place behind Enfield Ignatians who beat them 8-7, while Chelmsford lost 43-7 at Hampstead which saw the two swap fourth and fifth places.

Woodford helped their cause in their relegation battle, beating Ipswich 12-21.

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Non-League Football

Clarets earn replay

A THIRD round FA Cup tie with Premiership's Bolton Wanderers awaits Chelmsford City if they can overcome League Two Macclesfield Town in a replay.

The Clarets nearly pulled off a giantkilling in the second round on Saturday, but were held to a 1-1 draw at the Melbourne Stadium.

Max Cornhill put the Clarets ahead, with a close range effort on 35 minutes after Silks keeper Jose Veiga parried Justin Miller's cross.

Tony Diagne blasted home the equaliser on 64 minutes for the Silks after a mistake from Clarets keeper Stuart Searle.

Redbridge's run in the competition came to an end, losing 5-0 at League Two high-flyers Crawley Town.

The Ryman League Division One North side - who were the lowest ranked team left in the competition - went behind through Matt Tubbs penalty on 31 minutes, which he doubled five minutes later.

The striker got his hat-trick on 79 minutes, again through the penalty spot after Vinnie Durrant saw red for a foul. Andy Drury scored a fourth with Kyle McFadzean completing the scoring late on.

Thurrock manager Robbie Garvey resigned following their 2-1 defeat at home to fellow Blue Square South strugglers Staines Town.

The visitors went ahead through Jake Goodman on 28 minutes, but Jamie Guy equalised for Fleet after the interval. But Adam Everitt scored deep into stoppage time to send Fleet down to the bottom.

Ryman League Premier leaders Billericay Town suffered a 1-0 defeat at Lowestoft Town who closed the gap at the top. Adam Smith blew the title race wide open with a free-kick on 63 minutes for the Trawleyboys.

Third place AFC Hornchurch are just behind and maintained their record of nine away wins out of 10 with a 1-0 win at Leatherhead, Martin Tuohy scoring the 90th minute winner.

East Thurrock United remain in trouble in the relegation places, losing to Sam Clayton's lone 62nd-minute goal for visiting Kingstonian.

Aveley took the lead through Sean Bonnett-Johnson in the 67th minute at Hendon. However, Elliott Charles equalised for the Greens six minutes from time.

Concord Rangers remain in trouble near the bottom, losing 2-1 at home to Wealdstone. Britt Assombalonga put Wealdstone ahead on 13 minutes, cancelled out by Tony Stokes on 28 minutes. But the visitors took the three points when Richard Jolly's shot was deflected in by Ryan Tafazoli eight minutes from time.

Danny Heale gave Canvey Island an early lead at Margate, but the Gulls were pegged back through Dean Pooley's 30-yard effort.

Grays Athletic's bad week in Ryman League Division One North continued after being deducted three points for a registration error.

They went down 2-1 to new leaders Enfield Town on Saturday through Jon Moore's 89th minute winner after both sides were reduced to ten men. Anthony Ryan cancelled out Liam Hope's opener.

Brentwood Town held second place Needham Market to a 1-1 draw. Dean Green gave Town a second-minute lead, but Danny Bloomfield scored the equaliser after the break.

Tilbury still hold a play-off place despite a goalless draw at home with Thamesmead Town, while Heybridge Swifts suffered a disappointing 2-1 home defeat to AFC Sudbury.

Bottom club Ilford lost 2-0 at Harlow Town, Michael Deane and Piers Wixon on target.

Ilford are two points behind Ware who drew 1-1 at Waltham Forest. Danny Johnson gave the visitors the lead, but Kayan Kalipha levelled for Forest on 84 minutes.

Paul Clayton's 70th minute goal gave Romford a 1-0 win over Great Wakering Rovers. Maldon & Tiptree won at Soham Town Rangers, Leon Antoine netting in the second minute of added time.

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